

## CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Monday, November 1st, 2021

**Pre-Council Meeting** <u>5:30pm</u>

City Hall - Admin Conference Room

**Mayor & Council Meeting** 7:00pm **City Hall - Council Chambers** 

## **SMYRNA MUSEUM**

Cemetery Clean-up Event & Tour

Saturday November 13th 9ÅM - 12 PM Smyrna Memorial Cemetery

Come enjoy a fall morning while learning about Smyrna Memorial and cemetery care. Limited to 12 participants.

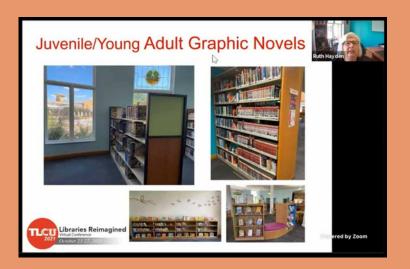
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## **SMYRNA LIBRARY & MUSEUM**



TLCU Virtual Conference: Smyrna Library's Technical Services Librarian, Ruth Hayden served as a panelist in the 2021 national TLCU Virtual Conference for the public school and academic librarians. Ms. Hayden discussed two recent cataloging projects which improved our customers' ability to locate graphics and historical fiction through the online public catalog and on the shelves.



Library Visits Week of October 18-24th: 2,367

Fall Jonquil Festival: The Smyrna Museum took part in the Fall Jonquil Festival and helped sell new t-shirts for the Smyrna Historical Society. The weather was fabulous, and we had a great time telling visitors about the Museum and the Smyrna Historical Society and how they help the Museum.



Cemetary Cleaning Workshop: The first Cemetery Clean-Up event was well received, so we have decided to hold another workshop before the weather gets too cold. Come on out November 13th to learn how to safely clean cemetery stones and about the history of Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. Participants should bring gloves and something to drink and dress in clothes that can get a little dirty.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**



Fall Jonquil Festival: Keep Smyrna Beautiful was at the Jonquil Festival this weekend. In addition to educating people about recycling options in Smyrna and ways they can help end littering, we sold 135 bags of jonquil bulbs (6,750 bulbs!) to help cover the city in jonquils this coming spring. We have fewer than 15 bags left for purchase at the Smyrna Recycling Center, and we expect to be out of stock within the next week or so. Additionally, KSB volunteers collected recycling at the Jonquil Festival, including 22 bags of recyclables totaling 92 pounds.

Large Item Amnesty Day: The third Bulky Trash Amnesty Day is on Saturday, November 6th from 8am-1pm at Smyrna Public Works. This event is for Smyrna residents and city employees to dispose of large, bulky items like furniture, mattresses, and grills for free.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

October Community Cleanups, Oct 29th

Adopt-a-Mile Litter Cleanup, Oct 16th

**November Community Cleanups,** Nov 3rd, Nov 11th

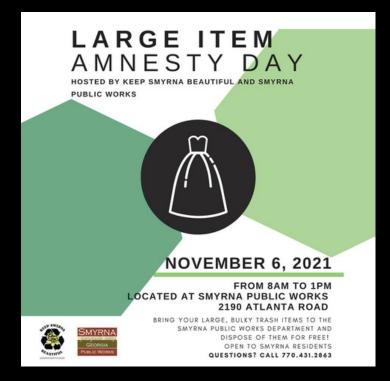
Bulky Trash Amnesty Day, Nov 6th

Storm Drain Marking, Nov 10th

**December Community Cleanup,** Dec 6th

**Smyrna Wonderous Winter Cleanup,** Dec 18th

Bring One for the Chipper, Jan 8th, 2022



## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**Garden Workday:** There was a garden workday at the Smyrna Community Garden on October 21st. Four gardeners came out to help weed common areas and build one new raised bed.

Adopt-a-Mile: Fourteen groups participated in October's Adopt-a-Mile cleanup day on Saturday, October 16. Altogether, they picked up 80 bags of trash, totaling 1200 pounds of litter, on roadways across Smyrna. A handful of Adopt-a-Mile groups will be cleaning up their miles on alternative dates in the next few weeks. The next Adopt-a-Mile cleanup day is planned for Saturday, January 22, 2022

America Recycles Day: KSB will be celebrating America Recycles Day on November 19. America Recycles Day is a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling by Keep America Beautiful. We'll hold two tours at the Smyrna Recycling Center at 9am and 4pm. Other activities will include games, recycling education resources, and more.





## **Recycling Center:**

- Number of Weekly Recycling Patrons: **505**
- Community Service Program: Community service volunteers picked up litter from **13** streets and collected **286 lbs. of litter** on October 23rd.
- Recycling Center Tours: The center is offering monthly tours to the public. Residents can sign up to tour the Smyrna Recycling Center every third Friday of the month. Upcoming dates: November 19th and December 17th.
- The Smyrna Recycling Center will reopen on Tuesdays starting Tuesday, November 2nd, and be back to regular operating hours. Hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Thursdays 10:00 am-6:00 pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**



Jodi Mills: Parks & Recreations' own Jodi Mills, Recreation Superintendent, has been recognized as GRPA District 5 Outstanding Programmer 2021.

Jodi was presented with the award at the District 5 Banquet on October 20. The entire department is proud of Jodi's well-deserved recognition!





North Cooper Lake Park: North Cooper Lake Park received some much-needed maintenance on the bike ramps throughout the park. This work ensures that the avid bikers who visit the park continue to enjoy the excitement of riding while also being safe.



## PARKS AND RECREATION

**Fall Celebration Carnival:** The Fall Celebration Carnival and Movie Night will be held on October 29th at Taylor-Brawner Park. The carnival will begin at 5:00 pm followed by the "Addams Family" movie at sundown. Come join in for lots of family fun.

**Indoor Volleyball:** Indoor volleyball will begin the Winter season with 18 teams that are all excited to get back to competition.

**Senior Softball:** Senior Softball wrapped up their Summer season and plans for Spring play is underway.



College Football Saturday: Join Parks & Recreation in the Market Village on November 13 for the next College Football Saturday event. There will be games, music, and prizes, along with some exciting football beginning at 3:00 pm.



Recreation Opportunities: Parks & Recreation continues to serve the community with programs for youth and adults, as well as offer reservation opportunities for those seeking spaces for events like birthday parties, weddings, anniversary celebrations, graduations, family reunions, etc. Through these activities, during the week of October 18 – October 24, P&R generated approximately \$12,000 in revenue. In addition to those listed, RiverLine, Jonquil, Brinkley, and Chuck Camp Parks are serving as host sites for Smyrna Little League and NASA/Tophat Soccer play throughout the week as well

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



**Weekly Inspections** 

163 Inspections 94 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction Permits:

\$777,099

## **Building Remodel/Residential (11)**

(1) Addition, (2) Interior, (1) Pool, (7) Re-Roof **Estimated Cost of Construction: \$455.250** 

## **Building New/Commercial (1)**

(1) EV Charging Station - <u>Cortland at the Village (2001 Lake Park Dr)</u> **Estimated Cost of Construction: \$9.849** 

## **Building Remodel/Commercial (2)**

- (1) Remodel Evergreen Orthodontics (4480 N Cooper Lake, Ste 220)
- (2) Cell Tower Modification T-Mobile (2400 Cobb Parkway)

**Estimated Cost of Construction: \$312,000** 

HVAC (3) Plumbing (4)

Signs (3) Electrical (2)

- (1) Signs Wall Pizhookah (3150 Highlands Parkway, Ste101-A)
- (2) Signs Monument High Parc Subdivision x2 (1755 Roswell St)

### **Permit Type - Cost of Construction**

Residential Interior - \$335,000

Commercial Remodel - \$300,000

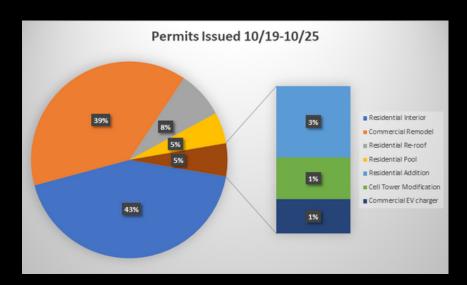
Residential Re-roof - \$59,917

Residential Pool - \$40,000

Residential Addition - \$20,333

Cell Tower Modification - \$12,000

Commercial EV charger - \$9,849



## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

## **New Businesses**

#### **PARAGON INFUSION CENTERS**

Infusion Therapy Center 1155 Concord Rd SE, Ste 120 Ward 3

#### NIMBUS SMOKE & VAPE

Smokers' Supply Stores 2517 Spring Rd SE, Ste 103 Ward 1

#### **WILLIAM JUNE SALON**

Beauty Salon 3246 Atlanta Rd SE, Ste D Ward 6

#### **BELLA BODIES LV**

Day Spa 3240 S Cobb Dr SE, Ste 850, Rm 127 Ward 3

#### **LEGACY AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES**

Automotive Repair/Garage 3269 Atlanta Rd SE Ward 6

#### MAKEUP DEALER STUDIOS

Aesthetician 510 Concord Rd SE, Ste 100 Ward 3

#### THE FLOWER & THE BEE WAX STUDIO

Hair Removal Services 3240 S Cobb Dr SE, Ste 850, Rm 120 Ward 3

#### **WE CARRY YOUR HEART LLC**

Online Sales 2881 Foster St SE Ward 3

#### **CSMC CONSTRUCTION, LLC**

Handyman Services 1048 Medlin St SE Ward 3

#### KDUB ROD CO

Rods and Rod Parts Manufacturing 1106 Pinedale Dr SE Ward 3

#### AGILITY PHYSICAL THERAPY SOLUTIONS

Physical Therapist 4838 S Cobb Dr SE Ward 7

## POLICE DEPARTMENT



## **Weekly Police Totals**

Arrests: 44

Citations: 195

Warnings: 134

Calls for Service: 870

## FIRE DEPARTMENT



## **Weekly Fire Totals**

Fire: 4

Medical: 69

Other: 64

Total Incidents: 137

Smyrna Training Goes High-Rise: This week, all shifts had the opportunity to participate in a new high-rise training located at Sync Apartments. This training ensures that Smyrna Crews are prepared to navigate any challenges associated with tall buildings throughout the city.

#### **2021 Smyrna Fire Department Awards**

**Banquet:** Our 2021 awards banquet was held this past weekend to honor all recipients nominated by their peers for outstanding work within the department. Congratulations to the following 2021 winners:

**Outstanding Leadership Award**: Chief Roy

Acree

Firefighter of the Year: Engineer Chris

Weaver

Rookie of the Year: Firefighter Gerardo

Gonzalez

**Knockdown Award:** C Shift Station 1 (E14 Crew: Lt. Joe Paul, FFII. Luis Luna, FF Samuel Counts) Station 3 (E3 Crew: Lt. Bryan Peisel, ENG. Shane Weaver, FF. Jacob Robinson

**Commitment to Excellence Award:** Lt.

Joseph Paul

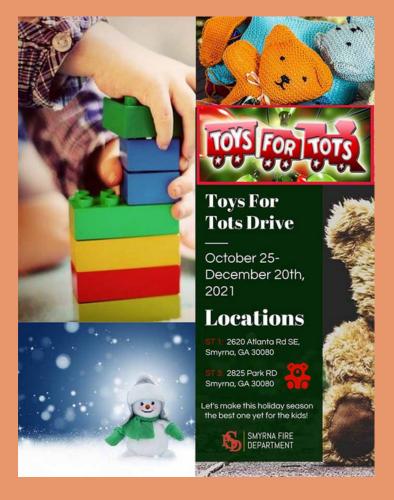
Impact Award: R1 (ENG Scott Frankovich & FF

Gerardo Gonzales)

Chiefs Award: Pastor Shell Osbon



## FIRE DEPARTMENT



**SFD Toys for Tots:** We now have two station locations to drop off any toy donations for the 2021 Toys for Tots toy drive- Stations 1 and 3. The donation boxes will be located in the lobby areas until December 20th.



## **ENGINEERING**

**King Springs Road and Concord Road:** The traffic signal has been fixed at the intersection of King Springs Road and Concord Road – the connection to the video detection camera was faulty.

**Riverview Road at Nichols Drive:** The stop signs, balk lines, and advance warning signs have been installed for Riverview Road at Nichols Drive.

Powder Springs Street at Guthrie Drive: The stop signs, balk lines, and advance warning signs have been installed for Powder Springs Street at Guthrie Drive, but the signs remain covered. The overhead beacon will be updated with red signal faces, and the signs then be uncovered.



## **PUBLIC WORKS**

LMIG: The Water, Sewer, and Street departments have completed the evaluation of all underground infrastructure for the LMIG resurfacing program. This included video inspection and cleaning to check the condition and integrity of the pipes before our upcoming yearly paving schedule. This will ensure that we will not have any issues under newly paved roads, and will save us from redigging newly paved roads. The inspection and cleaning of the project are 100% Complete. All repairs have been scheduled and are underway on underground infrastructure. All repairs consist of Goodwood Blvd, Campbell Rd, Hawthorne Ave, Marston, Vineyard Way, North Cooper Lake Dr., and Hickory Lane. The project is 70% complete.





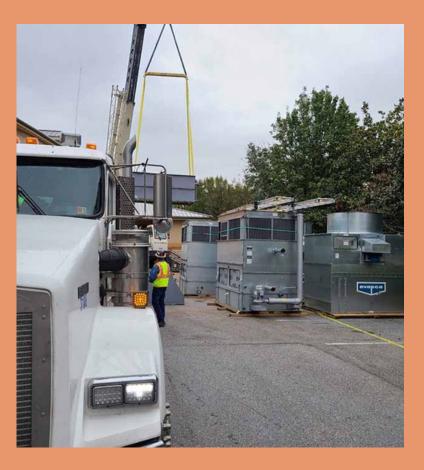
# Public Works Building and Plants: This week the new chillers are being installed at the Community Center the work is anticipated to be

Center the work is anticipated to be completed no later than 11/1/21

**Street Department:** The Street Department has started the Oakdale Road median project. We have currently installed 5 islands for this project. Project **65%** complete.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Public Works South Cobb Drive** Water Line Project Phase II: The project's scope of work involves installing new 8-inch and 12-inch water main lines on the east and west sides of South Cobb Drive from Benson Poole Road to Concord Road. The contractor has completed lying the new water main. The major intersection on Concord at South Cobb along with Powder Springs at South Cobb remains to be completed due to the complexity of the existing water main needing to be tied on to new ductile iron. The project is 95% complete.





## **SPLOST - Windy Hill Boulevard:**

Baldwin is prepping to start the installation of the storm drain, and a temporary sidewalk on the southern side of Windy Hill. Baldwin has started building back the southern side drive lanes and are now installing GAB, which is the second layer of roadway construction. Baldwin is also continuing to work on pothole utilities.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**





Outreach to existing businesses to understand market trends and issues impacting Smyrna businesses

- **Smyrna Mower** (1784 Corn Rd)
- **Grand Champions BBQ** (6255 Riverview Rd)
- Crown Bakeries (1200 Wilson Way)
- Atlanta Bread Corporate Offices (4490 S Cobb Dr SE)
- **Pro Direct Building Materials** (6400 Highlands Parkway)
- Fire Systems Inc. (4700 Highlands Parkway)
- Next Level Distribution (3500 Highlands Parkway)

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Coordination with economic development entities & partners



- Cobb Travel & Tourism
- Cumberland CID
- 2021 Business Walk Event: Day-long event coordinated by Select Cobb to reach out to existing businesses (this year's event focused on companies in Smyrna and Marietta). The intent is for economic development teams to meet with firms that may be at risk, identify issues and connect them with services offered by the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and other partners including the Georgia Department of Economic Development, WorkSource Cobb, and Georgia Power. In Smyrna, we identified a number of risk issues related to labor shortages, lack of business knowledge about state and non-profit training programs, and lack of transit options. Specific follow up actions for each company will follow over the next several weeks.

## RECRUITMENT

Businesses and projects seeking space in Smyrna



#### **Current Project Pipeline**

- 7 Retail
- 2 Industrial
- 3 Development
- 6 Meeting with investors to talk about opportunities in Smyrna

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

## PROPERTY REPRESENTATIVES

Work with existing property owners in priority areas to ensure short-term and long-term investment strategies are consistent with City desires



#### **Property Representatives Meetings**

- 2728 Spring Rd SE
- 1711 Spring Street
- 6400 Highlands Parkway



## COMMUNICATIONS, MARKETING AND NETWORKING

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- **BisNow Perimeter Event** (for meeting with developers)
- Economic Development October E-Newsletter: 1100 recipients with both open and click rates being higher than the industry average.

## **SMYRNA YOUTH COUNCIL**

2021/2022 Smyrna Youth Council: Congratulations to the following students on being accepted into the 2021/2022 Smyrna Youth Council Program: Aric Giles, Justin Wu, Olivia Brown, Kate Mazur, Haley Parker, Noah Mallon, Rachele Cece, Fiona McDermott, Rachel Odister, and Sophie Balzuweit. Orientation will be held Friday, November 5th.

